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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear DOJ,

"I am part of a worldwide network of business that is working on getting the BeOS or equivalent back into the market place, but there is no hope of success if the following issues aren't addressed:

MS Office needs to be opened, so that developers interested in porting it or understanding the document formats can do so either in form of a source code licence or an allowance to see it, check it and "clone libraries", so that applications on non-Windows OSs can read and write MS Office formats for flawless interaction with Windows users.

The Win32 API needs to be made available (incl. undocumented APIs) so that WINE can be successfully ported not only to BeOS but other OS too. The file system needs to be opened, so that BeOS users can continue to access files on non-BFS partitions.

The ruling must include a "must-carry" rule, so that any OEM Microsoft is supplying Windows with HAS to "dual-boot" an alternative operating system, in this case BeOS, in order to remedy the damage MS has done to BeOS and lots of others in the past.

Personally to my business MS has endorsed to get me to be a OEM dealer providing i won't sell other or at least load up other OSes onto my systems. So theoretly i would not be able to serve my clients wishes to the fullest just because MS won't allow me to. Well in my opinion it's up to the client to decide which services and tools they like to use and not the ones MS want me to upload on a PC. There are several cases known about simular issues, i name a few Hitachi has encountered it as well as compaq.

Now if i buy a car at a certain dealer, the manufacturer may advise in the brand and type of fuel i will be charging it but in the end it's certainly my choice which one to choose from as long as the fuel complies to their recommendations and technological specs.

And then not to mention that they are distributing unsafe and unstable software and so to speak a less superior product than many others o know and have used. They knowingly abuse this so called features to rule the world on a certain market.

If a car company do such a thing(GoodYear) they get the largest trouble at their adress but it seems that MS can get away with anything in that area.

I like to refer to a few articles which may have escaped your attention and i

like you to study them.

<http://www.byte.com/documents/s=1115/byt20010824s0001/>

<http://usvms.gpo.gov/findfact.html>

<http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/4/22670.html>

<http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/archive/21410.html>

<http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/4/21347.html>

<http://www.kuro5hin.org/story/2001/10/23/13219/110>

and some information about beos

http://www.gcn.com/vol19_no23/reviews/2637-1.html

With the kindest regards and respect,

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